

Stanley Melroe

Stanley Melroe, 85, Gwinner, ND, died Tuesday, April 22, 2014, at Sanford Palliative Care, Fargo, ND.

Stan was born August 18, 1928, to Sigurd and Myrtle (Petterson) Melroe on the family farm which was homesteaded by his grandfather, Olaf Melroe, in 1882. He graduated from Gwinner High School and attended NDSU for three years, coming home at the time of his mother's death to help his father on the farm.

Stan received many honors in conjunction with his shorthorn cattle. He was named Builder of the Breed in 1982 by the National Shorthorn Association and ND Shorthorn Man of the Year in 1979. He was a past president of the ND Stockmen's Association and held positions on state and national boards. He served as president of the ND Livestock Endowment Foundation and on the ND Winter Show Board. Stan was the 1997 Agriculturist of the Year,

awarded by NDSU Saddle and Sirloin Club. In 1998 he received the Outstanding Agriculturist Award, representing Sargent County.

Stan served on the Lisbon Hospital Board, Gwinner Farmers Elevator Board and was president of North Sargent School Board for 12 years. He also served on the Federal Landbank Board, several years as president.

He was named Gwinner Citizen of the year in 1994. Stan was a life long member of Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church in Gwinner and served on the GA Church Foundation committee.

On January 22, 1956, Stan married Betty Lou Carlson in Lisbon, ND. They were blessed with two sons, Steven (Barbara) and Scott (Jan), who continue to farm the Melroe Homestead.

Stan is survived by his loving wife, Betty, sons, Steve and Scott, daughters-in-law, Barb and Jan, grandchildren Tyler (Darah) Melroe, Bethany (Jeremy) Lehrman, Corey Melroe, Lucas Melroe, great-grandchildren Cash & Emerson Lehrman, and Jacey Melroe. Also surviving him is a brother, Sylvan (Caroline) Melroe, and sister Lenore Hodenfield, along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, mother-in-law, Marie Carlson, sisters Merriam Dahl and Mardelle Holmstrom, brothers-in-law Orky Dahl, Alton Holmstrom, Curt Hodenfield and niece Lori Ann Melroe.

Funeral services will be held at Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church, Gwinner, ND, on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 10:00am. Visitation will be Friday, April 25, 2014, from 5 - 7pm at Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church with a prayer service at 7:00pm.